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of
Christ's Second Appearing.
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and by
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This Book contains a Selection from the above Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, adapted to the gathering Order.

Part III.

More particular Orders for Justification & Protection

Section I

Orders concerning the Confession of Sin, and Opening the Mind.

No Believer can be justified in keeping any sin covered, under any pretence whatever; but all are required to make confession thereof, to those who are appointed, in the Order of God, to hear them.

2. If any Member should know of any sin, or actual transgression of the law of Christ, in any one of the family, or society, and have reason to believe the same is not known, or has not been confessed, in order, the member to whom the matter is known, is bound to reveal it to the Elders, so that sin may be put away; otherwise they participate in the guilt and condimnation thereof.

3. All who ignorntly, carelessly or wilfully break

the sacred orders of the gospel, are required to confess the same, before such one or ones as transgress in this respect, should assemble to worship God.

4. If any member, or members, not appointed to hear openings, should attentively hear disorderly persons, disclose their trials or disaffected and unreconciled feelings concerning others, whether in relation to Ministry, Elders, Deacons, Brethren or Sisters, it is solemnly enjoined on such member or members, to make confession of the matter to their Elders, as a transgression of the Order of God in hearing such openings.

5. All trials must be opened according to the order of God; and believers are strictly forbidden to open their trials to those not appointed to hear them.

6. None should open their minds only to those set in order for that purpose.

7. Believers are forbidden to open the gifts orders or regulations of, or pertaining to their own family or order, to persons in other orders, or to unbelievers.

8. If brethren have aught to open concerning any

sister or sisters, they must open it to their Elder brethren; and if sisters have aught to open concerning any brother, or brethren, they must open it to their Elder Sisters.

9. No member or members of the family, who may be admonished or reproved by the Elders, for any fault whatever, are allowed to make any enquiry, or take pains to find by whom the matter was opened to the Elders.

Section III

Orders concerning the Spiritual Worship of God.

Attending to Meetings &c. &c.

Believers are required by the Orders of God, to retire to their rooms in silence for the space of half an hour, and labor for a sense of the gospel, befor attending meting

3. No member is allowed, by the order of God, to present

themselves to worship him, when under the condemnation of sin, unconfessed. But all are required to present themselves to worship with clean hands a pure heart, and justified conscience.

4. All should go into meeting in the fear of God, walking upon their toes, and two abreast, if the passway be sufficiently wide to admit of it, keeping step together, and none should have any talking, laughing, or hanging on the railings, while going _to_ or _coming from_ meeting.

5. When brethren and sisters place themselves in a body in meeting, for the worship of God, the ranks should be strait, not only to the right and left, but also forward and back. Forward ranks should always be as long as any of the rest, and by no means should there be vacancies in the ranks, it has a tendency to excite disunion.

6. Brethren and Sisters may not allow themselves to be gaping and yawning in meeting.

7. No one may be absent from meeting, without liberty from the Elders, or some other person

authorized by them to give permission, and none should go out of meeting if consistent to avoid it.

8. When any person is under the operation of the power of God, or on their knees in devoted prayer, whether in meeting or elsewhere, all who are present should attend carefully, and not be otherwise engaged.

9. Brethren and sisters may not go to each other's shops, to learn songs, it has a tendency to naturalize them.

10. When believers go forth in holy Order, they must take three steps forward of an equal length, setting the feet straight forward at the turn if possible; and brethren should set off with the left foot, and sisters with the right: brethren turn to the right, & sisters to the left. But in the march, all should set off with the right foot.

Section III.

Order of the Sabbath

The gospel strictly forbids that there should be any hand labor performed on the Sabbath, which can consistantly be avoided; but all must keep it holy and sacred unto the Lord

2. There must be no baking of bread, pies or cakes, no frying of cakes, and no cooking of meat, or fish, in any way, and no preparing the same in any way to cook or eat, except by liberty of the Elders. No paring, cutting or stewing of any kind of fruits for kitchen use. Neither may pomkins or potatoes be pared on the Sabbath, and no beans, rice &c. may be picked over on any occasion whatever.

3. Fruit and vegitables must not be gathered on the sabbath unless in case of great necessity.

4. All cutting of the hair, paring of the nails, blacking or greasing of the shoes and boots, & such like things are forbidden to be done on the Sabbath, and shaving

and shaving the beard should never be done on that day, except in case of great necessity, when it is quite inconsistent to avoide it.

5. No one may walk in the fields, gardens or orchards on the Sabbath day, unless duty requirs. Nor is it allowable to go to shops, unless it be of a very short and necessary errand, without liberty from the Elders; but all must keep in the dwelling house, and in their own rooms as much as they consistently can.

6. There should be no riding out, or visiting done on the Sabbath; unless duty requirs, When visiters are with us from a distance, they may be visited on the Sabbath.

7. Shop windows, fronting the street, should not be left open on the Sabbath, except by special liberty, and on some needful occasion.

8. Brethren and Sisters are not allowed to carry their dirty cloths to the wash house, after sun rise, and before sunset, on the Sabbath; and the sisters may not go to sort or pick them over between these times

9. No bathing or showering the body in water, should be done on the Sabbath unless it be done very early in

the morning, except in case of sickness and by order of the Physicians. X

10. All believers are required to abstain from the use of cider or other spirituous or fermented liquors on Saturday & Sabbath. And it would be much better not to use such liquors at all.

11. None should converse unnecessarily, upon what is going on among the world, upon the Sabbath, nor tell stories that ye may have heard or collected from the wicked and unclean.

Section IIII

The Order of Christmas and Thanksgiving Days.

As the signal by which all true followers of Christ are known, is unfeigned & unalloyed love to each other, the order of God requires that Believers should make perfect

reconciliation, one with another, on this day; and leave all grudges, hard feelings and disaffection one towards another, eternally behind on this day; and to forgive as we would be forgiven; and nothing which is this day settled, or which has been settled previous to this may hereafter be brought forward against another.

2. It is order to attend one general meeting and one union meeting on this day.

4. This day must be kept sacredly, and no work, except such necessary chores as are allowable on the Sabbath may be done on this day, or until sun set.

5. Days appointed by the Government for thanksgiving, are also required to be kept and regarded, and Believers should attend one meeting, and devote the remainder of the day in cleaning and putting things and apartments in order.

Section V.

Orders concerning Intercourse between the Sexes.

The gospel of Christ's Second Appearing, strictly forbids all private union between the two sexes in any case, place, or under any circumstances.

2. One brother and one sister must not be together alone, at any time, longer than to do a short and necessary duty or errand; and must not have private talk together at all, which they desire to have unknown to their Elders: Neither should brethren and sisters touch each-other unnecessarily.

3. Brethren and sisters must not work together, except on special occasions, and then, by liberty from the Elders.

4. Brethren and sisters may not make presents to eachother in a private manner.

5. Brethren and sisters may not write for eachother, nor to each other, without liberty from the Elders.

6. If brethren and sisters need instruction in reading, writing or music, or any other branches of literature or science, they must receive it from those of their own sex, or by such persons as the Elders may appoint.

7. Brethren and sisters may not pass each other on the stairs.

8. Brethren & Sisters may not shake hands together.

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10. Brethren and sisters may not go to eachother's apartmens, without a just and lawful occasion; but when they do go, they should rap at the door, and go in by liberty.

11. When brethren go to brethren's rooms, or sisters to sisters' rooms, they should ask if they may come in, but this is not the order and duty of Ministry or Elders.

12. There must not be any sitting or standing on the outside steps, railing or platforms, nor in the halls to hold lengthy conversations, either of brethren with brethren, sisters with sisters, or of brethren and sisters together.

13 Brethren and Sisters must not go into each-

others' appartments, after evening meeting at night, except on some very needful occasion.

14. The brethren must all leave their rooms, while the sisters are doing the necessary chores; therein; unless prevented by sickness or infirmity.

15. Sisters must neither mend, or set buttons on brethren's clothes, while they have them on.

16. Sisters should not use clothes that have their own initials on, to do up brethren's clothes in, nor keep the brethren's clothes with theirs, neither hang them side by side, nor together.

17. Brethren and Sisters must not wear eachother's clothes nor be trying them on, on any occasion whatever.

18. When brethren and sisters come together to support union, their conversation should be open and general, & no whispering or blinking may be done at such times; & blinking should never be practiced.

19. No one should sit cross-legged nor in any awkward posture, in the time of any meeting for worship; and in union or singing meeting, there should be at least five feet distance, between the seats of brethren

and sisters, when there is sufficient room to admit of it.

21. All are required to attend union meeting at the appointed times, unless special duty requires them to be absent; and then they must make it known to the Elders and the care takers of the room. Real flesh hunters are generally willing to be absent from an orderly union meeting, and to meet their peculiar favorites in private.

22. None should leave union meetings, or any meetings for worship only on necessary duties which would seldom occur, if each one come prepared.

24. When Sisters walk out into the fields, to the barns, or out buildings, or even to the brethren's shops, there should be at least two in company, for it is considered improper for one sister to go alone on such occasions, unless by special liberty of their Elder Sisters.

25. Brethren and sisters must not take opportunities to come together to settle difficulties or make reconciliation with each other, without liberty from the Elders; neither should they accept for company at such times, a youth under eighteen years of age.

26 It is not allowable for brethren to go to sisters' shops, to partake of mellons, fruits or nuts; neither should they go to the kitchen for that purpose, except at meal time. Neither may Sisters go to Brethren's shops for a like purpose.

28. Sisters must not take a girl who lives in the childrens order, to be their only companion, when they go to brethren's shops, of errands.

29. It is disorderly for brethren & sisters to spend much time in making conveniences, or articles of manufacture for each other, save such as come within the regular line of business done by brethren and sisters in general, except by the direction of the Deacons and Deaconesses, each sex in their own order.

Section VII.

Orders concerning the Language of Believers.

Believers are not allowed to call nick names, or use

bye words, nor to call each other by the last name adding the title of doctor, friend, &c.

2. No Believer should repeat the cursing and swearing of the world, when relating any circumstance, or telling stories.

3 Believers should never use vulgar expressions, like the following, "I wish I was dead! I wish I could die! I wish I had never been born! My stars! Good Heavens! My gracious! or any thing of the like nature, it is wicked.

4. Believers should not use rough vulgar words, nor tell light, vain nonsensical stories, which are known to be untrue.

5. All filthy stories, and all conversation which tend to excite lustful sensations, are directly contrary to the purity of the gospel, and utterly forbidden. All who hear or listen to such story or conversation, are required to open it before meeting.

6. It is contrary to order, for any Believers to blend with the world in conversation upon politics, jesting, joking, or talking upon any thing that will serve to

draw the sense from the pure way of God.

7. All telling of falsehoods, evil speaking one of another, backbiting or tattling, are utterly forbidden by the gospel.

8. No one should carry news from one to another, that will stir up and make mischief; or bring up faults and failings that have been confessed and put away. Neither should the mistakes, or miss steps of any one, either those in the body or out, be handed down from generation to generation.

9. It is ungodly for Brethren and Sisters to talk of rejecting their privilege among Believers, or in the way of God, and of falling back to the world.

Section VII.

Orders concerning rising in the Morning and Retiring to rest at Night

All are required to rise in the morning, at the signal

given for that purpose; Sabbath morning not excepted: and when any rise before the usual time, they must not be noisy.

4. There must be no unnecessary conversation after evening meeting, and none at all in bed, unless absolutely necessary.

6. All who lodge in one room, must kneel down together, as much as they consistently can. both evening, and morning; but none are required to lie in bed until the signal time of rising, unless they choose to

8. All should retire to rest in the fear of God, without any playing, or lightness and vanity, and lie straight.

Section VIII.

Orders concerning attending to Meals, Eating &c. &c.

It is an established order for Believers to kneel before and after eating, when at home and among themselves,

and when among the world, as far as consistent.

3. No talking, laughing or playing, is allowed of when going to, coming from, or at the table.

4. When kneeling, none should hold their handkerchief in their hands, but they should close their eyes, and devote their spirits in prayer & thanksgiving to God, without leaning on any thing.

5. All should retire in order to their rooms after eating, or to the sitting room, as the case may be, unless detained by some important duty, or in case of infirmity.

6. All not engaged in duty in the kitchins, are forbidden to throng them at meal times or at any time unnecessarily, or to hold unnecessary conversation in them at any time.

7. Brethren and Sisters may not go to the kitchens to wash, unless duties relative to the kitchen call them there.

8. If any are unwell, and have need to diet different from the family for a few meals, they may go to the cooks and ask for it freely, and it is their duty

to prepare it for them. But none should expect to be urged to have something different from common, while they are able to ask for them selves.

9. No one or ones except those set in order for that purpose, may instruct the cooks in their duty, or undertake to represent to them, their own, or others desires, relative to their food.

10. It is the duty of the family Deaconesses and Deacons, to direct the cooks; and the duty of the Elders & Elderesses to see that good order is attended to concerning the same.

11. No unripe fruit is allowed to be eaten, in its natural state.

12. No one, or wons, may eat any kind of raw fruit, or nuts, bfore breakfast, or after six oclock at night.

13. Cucumbers may not be eaten at any time, without seasoning with salt or peper.

14. No one may be absent from meals, unless duty requires, or in case of ill health.

15. No one should talk while eating, and no one present should talk to any person that is eating, unless it be very necessary.

16. If any go on errands to other families, they should avoid being there at meal time as far as possibley consistant.

18. It is not allowable to eat bread the same day it is baked, for it is considered very unholsome.

Section IX.

Concerning Caretakers of Dwelling Rooms.

It is the duty of those who are placed as caretakers in the rooms, to see that the furniture is used carefully, the rooms kept clean and decent, and to know that good order is maintained therein: And if the inmates deviate therefrom, it is their duty to admonish them, and if they do not receive the admonition, they should make the case known to the Elders and there leave it.

3. If any brother or sister desires to make any change of furniture in the room, it must be by the union and consent of those who have the charge therein.

Section XI.

Orders concerning Books, Pamphlets, & Writings in general.

Believers are allowed to make plain bound books for writing hymns, anthems, &c. or for Journals, Records &c. &c. But very superfluously marbled books or paper, are not allowed to be used or made among Believers

2. Brethren and Sisters are not allowed to purchase or borrow books of the world, or other families of Believers, without the permission of the Elders of the family wherein they live.

3 Noone should read books when out among the world, that are not allowed of among Believers. If the world should offer any believers a book, which would be allowed of, tho' they might not have had liberty to get such a book, it would be better to receive it than to give offence, but it should be shown to the Elders, before read or circulated

5 Almanacks of every kind must be inspected by the Elders, before they are used in the family.

6. If any member of the family should receive a letter

from any person or persons, such person, receiving the letter, must show it to the Elders.

7. If any member should write a letter to send abroad, it must be shown to the Elders, before it is sealed or sent away. But the Office Deacons are allwed to write, or receive letters, on temporal business, without showing them to the Elders.

8. No Hymns, Anthems, or songs of any kind, or any other writings may be carried out of the family, or brought or received into the family without the knowledge & approbation of the Elders thereof.

Section XII.

Concerning Marking Tools and Conveniences.

The initials of a persons name are sufficient mark to put upon any tool or garment, for the purpose of distinction

2. Blue and white thread, should generally be used for marking garments.

3. It is considered unnecessary to put more than two figures for the dates on our clothes, or tools, and it is strictly forbidden, unnecessarily to imbellish any mark.

4. No one should write or print his name on any article of manufacture, that others may hereafter know the work of his hands.

5. It is not allowable for the brethren to stamp, write or make their own names upon any thing which they make for the Sisters, nor for sisters to do in like manner, upon articles made for the brethren.

6. No writing with red ink may be done for ornament, & none at all without liberty from the Elders.

7. No gilding or lettering, may be put upon books manufactured among believers, except printed books.

8. No names of individuals may be put upon the outside of the covers of books of any kind.

Section XIII.

Orders concerning Intercourse between Families.

No member may go out of the family wherein they live, to any other family, of an errand, or on a visit, without liberty of the Elders.

2. Visiting between Parents and children, or with relatives from other families, or from among the world, should be done at the Office, as a general rule; and wherein it is proper to deviate from this, the Elders must direct according to circumstances. X

3. Brethren and Sisters may not go to the Office to see visiters, without liberty from the Elders for the same.

4. Common members are forbidden, by the Orders of God, to make known the orders, rules, regulations or gifts, of the family wherein they reside, to persons residing in other orders or families, except by liberty, or direction of the Elders.

Section XIV.

Orders concerning hunting & Wandering away.

Boys under fifteen years of age, may not go a hunting with guns, and the longer they let guns alone the better.

2. Brethren and Sisters are not allowed to wander away from their companions in employ, without giving them information where they are going, if to be absent over half an hour.

Section XV.

Orders concerning going abroad, and Intercourse with the world.

No members except those included in the Trustees order, may go from home, even off the farm, without liberty from the Elders. The Trustees have a general

liberty to go when necessary, but should inform the Elders, if to be gone over night.

2. When any of the family go abroad they must apply to the Deacons for spending money.

3 When returned home, a correct & explicit account of all such expenditures, as have been made while absent, should be rendered unto them, specifying all, and singular, the articles, and purposes for which it was expended.

4. When any of the family go from home on business, or for a ride, on their return home they must give the Elders an account of their proceedings, and other attending circumstances, which have occured in their absence.

5. When any of the family go out, and stay over night, or longer, on their return home, and before they take their places in meeting, they must give the Elders an account of their journey, as it respects protection, success &c. &c. while absent. X

X 6. Persons employed on journeys, which require them to be absent at meals, or on long journeys, have liberty to purchase such drinks and eatables, as are allowed of.

at home, for their present comfort; but none such are allowed to buy fruits, nuts, confectionary, &c. &c. to bring home with them, unless employed by the Trustees so to do.

7 None who go out, may buy for themselves, articles of any kind, without liberty from the Trustees.

9. No one should call into merchants stores and enquire the price of articles that they have no business with, and that they do not expect to buy.

10 It is not allowable for any to loiter around, and blend with the world in unnecessary conversation, either in public or private.

11. It is forbidden for Believers to go into Museums, Theaters, or to attend caravans or shows to gratify curiosity, and none should go on board of steamboats or vessels, or into prisons or jails, unless duty requires.

12. If any have conversation with backsliders, or reprobates, whether at home or abroad, they must open it to their Elders; but such conversation should always be avoided if consistent with propriety.

13. When brethren and sisters ride out, they must clear their horses from the waggon when they stop to bate, to prevent accidents.

14. One brother and one sister, must not walk out, or ride out together alone nor take with them for company, a child, under ten years of age, for their only company.

Section XVII.

Orders concerning the Dead.

When the Spirit is departing and a person is breathing the last, all present, should kneel in prayer.

2: In an hour after the breath has left the body, the corpse may be laid out in the fear of God.

3. A corpse should be dressed in a shirt & winding sheet, a handkerchief, and a muffler, if necessary. And for a female, add thereto a cap & collar.

4. The laying out, dressing & burial of a corpse, is the duty of the family Deacons and Deaconesses to direct. And the Elders may not take any part in these duties; it is their duty to lead & direct the funeral.

5. Children under fifteen years of age, are not allowed to attend any funerals, save in the family where they live, except on some special occasions, and by liberty of the Elders.

6. Children under fifteen years of age, are not allowed to join in the procession to the grave.

Section XVIII.

Miscellaneous Orders.

All wrestling, scuffling, beating striking or fighting, in any sense of the word, is utterly forbidden by the gospel.

2. Lengthy conversation should not be held in the street, if it can consistantly be avoided.

3. No person or persons, in covenant relation, may work as hirelings, gaining time, and counting it their own, to spend and use as they please.

4. No person or persons, may have privacies in communication, written, spoken, or in action, intentionally secreted from their Elders.

5. No one may mock, ridicule or treat with disrespect, the aged, infirmed and decrepit.
9. Ye shall not turn away the poor, who ask alms of you, knowing that your Heavenly Father will provide for you.
10. It is not alowable to redrill a hole in a rock, while it is charged for blasting.
11. No kind of ardent spirits may be used among Believers as a bevrage, nor on any occasion, except by order of the Physicians.
12. No one should take tools which belong in charge of others, without obtaining the liberty of those who have charge of such tool or tools; if such person can be consistently found.
13. When any one borrows a tool, it should be immediately returned, without injury, if possible; and if injured, it should be made known by the borrower to the lender. "The wicked borrow and never return."
14. No one should lean back against the wall, bed, or ceiling, in our dwelling rooms. — It is also wrong to sit with our feet on the rounds of the chairs.

15. It is manifestly the will and gift of God, that the use of every exciting, stimulating, or stupifying drink or food, should be discontinued by his people, except for physic or medicine. As health is the next blessing to the gospel, and as the whole power and strength of our bodies, should be devoted in the service of God, and not to serve our appetites & passions; and should be excited, not to drunkenness & gluttony by the stimulating beverages of man's compounding, but to love and good works, by the spirit and power of God.

Part III.

Concerning Temporal Economy.

Section I.

Of Prudence Neatness and Good Economy.

No private interest or property, is or can be allowed of,

in families that have come into covenant relation of a full dedication; but each and every one of the brethren and sisters, are under special injunction to take good care of all things with which they are entrusted, and to see that no loss comes thro' their neglect.

2. It is considered good order, to lay out and fence all kinds of lots, fields and gardens, in a square form, where it is practicable.

3. Buildings which get out of repair should be repaired soon, or taken away as is most practicable.

4. No kind of filthy rubbish, may be left to remain round the dwelling houses or shops, nor in the door yards or streets, in front of the dwelling house or steps.

6. All of the gates should be closed on saturday night, and work rooms should be swept; the work & tools should be put in order, and safely secured from thieves and fire.

7. When a pane of glass is broken in a front window it must be mended before the Sabbath.

8. Doors and gates must not be left swinging; but be kept either shut or fastened open.

9. No kind of liqued matter, no apple parings, nor the refues of any kind of fruit, ought to be thrown out of the windows of the dwelling house, or shops; neither should curtains be left in such a manner as to be blown out at the windows. X

10. No garments of any kind, or carpets, mats rubbers, nor any thing of the kind may be shook or hung out at the windows of the dwelling house.

13. Brethren and sisters must not spit out at the windows, on the floors, walks, cellar bottoms, nor in sinks.

14. Brethren and sisters may not throw away their old shoes, boots, socks, or garments; but they should be carried to those who have the care of such things to be disposed of as they deem proper.

15. Brethren and sisters are not allowed to give away any of their garments, or tools, without the union of the Deacons or Deaconesses, Taylors or Tayloresses, who have charge of providing such things.

16. It is not allowable for brethren or sisters, to give to, or <u>swap</u> with each other any tools, garments, books, or

clothing of any kind, without the knowledge of those who have charge of such things.

Section II.

Orders to prevent Loss by Fier.

No one is allowed to carry fire about the door yards, or among the buildings, unless safely secured in a lantern, fire box or other safe vessels.

2 No one may enter closet, garret, or clothes-rooms, or other places not frequented, with a lighted lamp or candle, unless it be enclosed in a lantern.

3. Lighted lamps or candles must not be carried to the barns, or out buildings, unless enclosed in a lantern. And no lanterns are allowed to be carried on to hay mows, nor to be opened in the barns or in any place, where sparks would be liable to set any thing on fire.

4. No lighted lamps or candles, may be held over chests,, drawers, shaving baskets, or wood boxes.

5. No one may go to chests of clothing, drawers, shaving

baskets, wood boxes, closets, or back and bye places, with a lighted pipe.

6. No one may smoke, in their rooms or shops, under an hour previous to leaving them for the night; neither may they empty their pipes in spit boxes; nor go to smoke in uninhabited rooms.

7. It is not allowable to go out of doors any whare among the buildings with lighted pipes.

8. It is not allowable to boil oil or varnish in our buildings any where.

9 Chimneys should be burned out once a year, and at a time when the roofs are sufficiently wet to prevent taking fire.

10. No ashes may be empted into their place of deposit in the afternoon; neither may any ever be taken up in a wooden vessel. And no ash vessel should be set or hung on wood boxes, or near shaving baskets.

11. The snuff of a lamp or candle should never be dropped into spitboxes, where there is sawdust, or any combustible matter.

12. When a room is left for the night, or much length of

time, the stove doors should always be shut, and the place secured from fire.

13. No shooting with guns is allowed to be done near the barns, unless the wadding consists of leather shavings, or something not liable to take fire.

14. Spitboxes may not be left under the stove hearth, at any time.

15. No smoking may be done in the kitchens; and no one may smoke and work, at one and the same time.

Section IIII.

Concerning Superfluities not owned.

Fancy articles of any kind, or articles which are superfluously finished, trimed or ornamented, are not suitable for Believers; and may not be used or purchased: among which are the following; also some other articles which are deemed improper to be in the Church, and may not be brought in, except by special liberty of the Lead.

2. Silver pensils, Silver tooth picks, Gold Pencils, or Pens, Silver spoons, Silver thimbles, (but thimbles may be lined with silver,) Gold or silver watches, Brass knobs, or handles of any size or kind, Three bladed knives. Knife handles with writing or picturing on them, Bone or horn handled knives except for pocket knives, bone or horn spools, Superfluous whips, Marbled tin ware, Superfluous paper boxes of any kind. Gay silk handkerchiefs, Green vails, Bot. dark colored cotton handkerchiefs for sisters use. Checked handkerchiefs made by the world, may not be bot. for sisters use. Lace for cap borders, nor Superfluous suspenders of any kind.

3. The following articles are also deemed improper. Superfluously finished or flowery painted clocks, bureaus, looking glasses, also superfluously painted or fancy shaped sleighs or carriages. Superfluously trimmed harness, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

4. The forementioned things, are, at present entirely forbidden; but if the Lead Sees fit to bring in any among the forementioned articles, which are not

superfluously wrought, the order prohibiting the use of such article or articles, is thereby repealed.

5. Believers may not in any case or circumstance, manufacture for sale, any article or articles, which are superfluously wrought, and would have a tendency to feed the pride and vanity of men, or such as would not be admissible to use among themselves, on account of their superfluity.

Section VII.

Concerning Dooryards Farms &c.

Brethren and Sisters should turn out in the Spring, and clean the dooryards and streets.

2. Ye should throw no dirty rubbish into the dooryards, or highway, as apple cores or parings, broken glass or earthen, &c. &c.

3. Cattle or sheep should never be allowed to feed in the dooryards, nor be driven carelessly through

them. And door yards should be mown twice a year.

4 It is not orderly, to cut up the door yards into little cross paths, and by-roads, but when consistent all should keep on the walks.

5. In the Spring of the year, the fences about the farm should be mended; for Zion is called to be a pattern of economy and order in all things.

6. Door yard gates should be kept closed, except in the winter, when they should be taken from their hinges, or otherwise properly secured.

7. When brethren and sisters are about the farm, & pass through bars or gates, they should always leave them closed, unless they find them evidently left open on purpose. And when brethren are about the farm, and find gates open, bars down, or fencis broken down, they should put them in order. if consistent, and if not, informe those set in order to take care of them on their returnhome.

8. All implements of labor, carts, waggons, sleighs, sleds &c.&c. should be put in their proper places, on saturday night, and as far as consistent, every night;

and all of these things should be done in season to retire at the time appointed if possible.

Section VII.

Order concerning Beasts &c.

No believer is allowed to play with cats or dogs, nor to make unnecessary freedom with any of the beasts of the field, or with any kind of fowl or bird.

4. No beasts belonging to the people of God, may be left to suffer with hunger, thirst or cold, in consequence of neglect on the part of those who have care of such beasts. But all should be kept in their proper places, and be properly attended to according to their needs.

7. Beasts may not be called by the given or christen names of persons.

8. No kinds of beasts, birds, fowls or fishes, may be kept mearely for the sake of show or fancy.

9. No beasts or any living thing may be wantonly pained, injured or tortured. And no living being should be corrected or chastened in a passion.

Section VIII.

Concerning the Order of the Natural Creation.

Believers may not spend there time in cultivating fruits and plants not adapted to the climate in which they live.

2. Different species of trees, or plants may not be engrafted or budded upon each other, as apples upon pears, quince &c. peaches upon cherries, or contrarywise.

3. The different species of animals should also be kept distinct; each in their own order.

4. No fowls may be set on the eggs of fowls of different kinds.

Section IX.

Concerning Building, Painting, Varnishing and the Manufacture of Articles for Sale &c.

Beadings, mouldings and cornishings, which are merely for fancy, may not be made by Believers.

2. Odd, or fanciful styles of architecture, may not be used among Believers; neither should any deviate widely from the common styles of building without the union of the Lead, or Ministry.

3. The meeting house should be painted white without, and of a bluish shade within. Houses & Shops should be as near uniform color, as consistent, but it is advisable to have shops a little darker color than dwelling houses.

4. Floors in dwelling houses, if stained at all, should be of a redish yellow, and shop floors should be of a yellowish red.

5. It is unadvisable for wooden buildings, fronting the street, to be painted red, brown or black, but they should be of a lightish hue.

6. No buildings may be painted white, save meeting houses.

7. Barns and back buildings, as wood houses &c. if painted at all, should be of a dark hue, either red or brown, lead color or something of the kind, unless they front the road, or command a sightly aspect; and then they should not be of a very light color.

8. It is considered imprudent, and is therefore not alowable, to paint or oil, such articles as the following; Cart and Ox waggon bodies, or any kind of lumber sleigh boxes, sleighs or sleds, or any lumber waggon boxes, except those kept at the Office for journeying. Wheelbarrows and handcart bodies, or hand sleds for rough use; Hoe handles or fork stales, rake- stales broom or mop handles for home use. Plough beams, milking stools, and all such articles as are exposed to very ready ware, whether for indoors or out

9. The following articles may be painted. All kinds of cart and waggon wheels and gearing. All kinds of carriages and sleighs for nice use, Wheelbarrows, handcarts and hand sleds kept exclusively for nice use. Ox yokes

and snow shovels, may be stained or oiled. The frames of cart or waggon bodies, also gates may be put together with paint, but not painted.

10 Varnish, if used in the dwelling house, may be applied only to the moveables therein, as the following.

Tables, stands, bureaus. Writing desks, or boxes, drawer faces, chests, chairs &c. Carriages kept exclusively for riding or nice use may be varnished. No ceilings, casings or mouldings may be varnished. Oval, or nice boxes may be stained reddish or yellow, but not varnished. Banisters and handrails may be varnished.

Part IIII.

Miscellaneous Rules & Counsels.

It is the duty of Believers, to render due respect to eachother, according to the lot station, or place in which they stand, and always respect the Lords Anointed, let the disposition of the person, or persons upon whom such anointing rests, be what it may.

2. No one should suffer himself to speak against his Elders in the gospel, but all trials may be freely opened in the line of order to the Elders.

3. Believers should not compare their brethren & sisters to filthy vagabonds of the world.

4. When we salute each other, we should simply salute them by the title of Brother, or sister, as the case may be, or each individual who bears an official title should be addressed by such title, and no false title or appellations should be used, such as Judge, Major, Deacon, Mister or Miss &c.

5. When our gospel friends have been absent from home, much length of time, they should always be welcomed, on their return.

6. Believers when journeying among the world, should, as far as possible, keep together, and let no unclean creature pass between them, if they can consistently avoid it. Father Joseph was very particular in this respect.

7. When we wish for a favor, we should always ask, Will you be so kind as to do me this or that favor; and when we have received a favor, we should say, I kindly thank you:

and on returning the compliment, should say You are kindly welcome.

8. It is very unadvisable for individuals to send presents to other Societes, or to other families of the same society, as no property belongs to individuals: But all should, as far as possible, share equally according to their needs.

9. When Brethren and Sisters enter the dwelling house, on saturday nights and Sabbath days, they should walk very softly, and in the fear of God; and it is good to practice it at all times.

10. Slamming doors or gates, loud talking, and heavy walking in the dwelling house, should not be practiced by Believers.

11. It does not look well to see people sleeping in the windows, or leaning down on the window stools, as if they were asleep; or to stand very close to windows when looking out, or to gaze out of the windows at the world, on the Sabbath.

12. When brethren & sisters go up and down stairs, they should not slip their feet on the carpet, or floor, but lift them up and set them down plumb, so as

not to wear out the carpets or floor unnecessarily. Also when they turn at the head, or foot of the stairs, they should not turn their feet on the floor, lest they wear holes in it

13. Drones, sluggards, thieves and liars, or deceivers, do not belong among the people of God; and all such, together with the mocker & scoffer, will in no wise pass unpunished, in the final settlement with souls.

14. Believers should never go to excess in eating, drinking, sleeping or in any thing else; nor by unwise ambition, in any way expose their health, at any time or place.

15. If a brother or sister be missing at the dining table, the one who comes next, must fill up the space.

16 When we rise from the dining table, we must rise and stand erect, before we kneel; and when we kneel, all should kneel on their right knee first.

17. When we clasp our hands, our right thumbs & fingers should be above our left, as uniformity is comely.

18. All should improve their mornings and evenings, in something useful and proper for Believers.

19 Stiff will, pride, or bondage have no lot or part,

in the worship of God; neither hath the soul that possesses them, and indulge therein.

20. We ought not to call our own, a brute, bird, tree or plant that God has created: for he never intended his creation should be devoted to selfish and mean purposes.

21. No one should carelessly pass over small things, as a pin, or kernel of grain &c. thinking it too small to pick up, for if we do, our Heavenly Father will consider us to small for him to bestow his blessing upon.

22. Believers should not work as hirelings, gaining time to do as they please, but every one should work diligently with their hands according to their strength, for the public good of the Society.

23. Father Joseph always taught Believers not to raise buildings, commence heavy jobs on Friday, or the latter part of the week.

24. All should be dressed in uniform as near as consistent, when assembled to worship God.

25. When brethren and sisters are assembled to sing, or support union, no one should read aloud, without

the request or consent of the company, lest some greater gift should be obstructed.

26. When any are out of health, they should not defer applying to the Physicians until Saturday night or Sabbath day, for the purpose of saving time for temporal employment.

27. No one should wear dirty or ragged clothes into meeting, or very ragged clothes even about their work, if it can be consistently avoided.

28. Brethren should not present themselves to support union with the sisters when they have ought one against another. And sisters should not present themselves to support union with the brethren, when they have aught one against another.

30. All should be careful not to mar nor destroy the furniture in their shops or rooms.

Conclusion.

1st. Whoever shall knowingly, or wilfully, violate, or

break any of the orders contained in this book, it shall be accounted as sin unto them, until it is honestly confessed and put away, in the line of order.

2. The Elders of every family, throughout Zion, should keep a Record of the orders contained in this book, or such a portion of them as are adapted to the state and condition of the family over which they are called to preside, and the same should be read or spoken, at least annually, and as much oftener as found necessary; that all may get an understanding of the orders of the house of God, which they are required to keep.

3. Perhaps a better way of securing these orders in the minds of all, would be, to read but one or two sections at a time, and read often.

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